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## Dingell VA Medical Center parking garage expanded for greater patient convenience

**DETROIT** – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District, awarded a \$4.7 million contract for construction of a parking garage addition at the John D. Dingell Veterans Administration Medical Center in Detroit.

U.S. Builders Group, Inc., of Detroit, a veteran-owned small business, will add an additional parking deck level to the existing four-level south parking garage (known as the "Blue Deck") to provide space for about 160 vehicles. The elevator system will be extended to reach the new top level.

"This is a very busy medical facility, and convenient parking is essential given that some of its patients are elderly or may have mobility issues," said Lt. Col. Mike Derosier, district engineer. "The Corps of Engineers is pleased to expand the John Dingell Medical Center's parking capacity; in a sense this is one small way we can help repay those who have sacrificed and served their country."

The addition makes it easier for patients and guests to get to appointments, registration, inpatient units, medical records, Community Living Centers and the pharmacy.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is the world's premier public engineering organization. The Detroit District's mission is to provide vital public engineering services in peace and war to strengthen our nation's security, energize the economy and reduce risks from disasters.

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